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OUR COUNTY AGENT'S DEPARTMENT

Some Timely Talks to Polk County Farmers, and others, on Timely Subjects, by County Agent, J. R. Sams.

What is Our Greatest Need?

If the above question were put individually to every farmer in Polk county, doubtless there would be a multitude of answers. Perhaps the majority would say good roads or better roads, some would say better churches etc. But as good as each and every one of these things may be; there is a greater need in Polk county than either or all of the things enumerated. The county superintendent of public schools would well say, what can be of more importance than better schools and still better until every child in Polk county would be able to have a high school within easy reach. The chairman of the road board would doubtless say that roads mean more to the welfare of the people than any thing else. If the preachers of the county were asked what is the greatest need, I venture the guess that they would say better churches and church conditions. These things are all vital to our living, moving about and our civilization; but there is something back of all these things by which and through which all these things come about, and that thing is correct thinking. O, if some Moses or Joshua could come back from the spiritual world and persuade and lead people to think correctly on all subjects, then all the things above enumerated would speedily come, and a thousand other good things which we do not now have.

Thinking correctly, more important than good roads. How many people will agree with me? Now just think a little while before you read further. I did not say that just any kind of thinking was so important I said correct thinking. The world itself and all the universe is the thought of God, and all that has ever been done worth while on the earth since God finished the creation has been the thought of man. The good things that have been done are the result of correct thinking and the bad things have been the result of evil or incorrect thinking. Incorrect thinking leads men and women to commit crimes of all kind. It leads men to make blockade liquor, to tell and smear lies, to wrong, cheat and defraud neighbors and to commit all immoral acts that are committed. Incorrect thinking is the material out of which bad character is built. On the other hand correct or right thinking is the material out of which good character is built. The strong, righteous, sturdy men and women of all the ages have been correct thinkers. Daniel "purposed in his heart that he would not be defiled with the kings meat" He thought correctly and was able to pass through the "Lions Den unhurt. The three Hebrew children refused to bend the knee to the image set up in the valley and they were made strong enough to pass through the fiery furnace without the smell of fire on their garments. Correct thinking is just as important now as at any time since the creation of the world and perhaps more so. Now let every man and woman in Polk county see to it, that he and she will from this time forward think correctly on all subjects and all the good things in the world will come to us. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.

A Call to Polk County Farmers

In former issues I have tried to make it clear and plain that farmers everywhere must become business men, so far as purchasing supplies to run their business, and disposing of their products through cooperative marketing.

I have also given you the simple plan by which your business can and must be done by yourselves and for yourselves. By advice of the agricultural board of Polk county. I as your county agent have undertaken a campaign of the county to raise capital stock from individual farmers, sufficient to put this plan into successful operation and up to this time, June 25, Greens Creek township has subscribed in round numbers \$4000. No other township has yet been canvassed; but Columbus township farmers have voluntarily subscribed \$1,100 and a few individuals in other townships have subscribed. Now this is to give you notice that we will be after the other townships for the same purpose. This campaign is not one of begging money for our orphan asylum, or even for the poor starving children in stricken China. Neither is it begging money for anyone at home; it is simply begging you to invest a pitiful amount of what you have in a way to take care of your homes, your children and your grandchildren to follow you. It is to free you as a class of citizens from financial and commercial slavery under which you and our fathers have labored for these many generations. And shall we allow this condition to be passed on to our children and grandchildren; or will we like true men so act that we will save them from such a blighting condition? The way to do it; and the only right way, is for each individual farmer to lay down his individuality, and join his brothers and sisters in one sympathetic and yet strictly business movement that will weld all our individual interests into a great and mighty force through which each individual can and will have perfect justice done him so far as obtaining farm supplies necessary to conducting his business and selling what he produces when made. To this end, I confidently expect the great rank and file of the farmers of Polk county to not only be able to give subscriptions of stock when asked; but to find out who are working committees for this purpose, and go to them and ask to become subscribers, or give me your name just anywhere along the road, in town or even in the "Meeting house" just after the sermon, if you feel so inclined. This is the greatest opportunity the farmers ever had, or ever will have to do the greatest service for each individual and for each other, as well as for the coming generations. We want to raise stock to the amount of \$10,000 as soon as possible and then call a meeting of subscribers of stock and elect directors who will complete the organization and put the plan in operation as soon as practicable. Now everybody get busy, thinking and doing until the thing is done.

Watch Required - **WATER**. It takes only one-tenth of a drop of oil to keep all of the machinery of the watch in good running order for a year.

County Commissioners Report Polk County, Dec., 6, 1920 to June 6, 1921

DECEMBER 1920

1 W M Lambright Co. for goods for jail as per bill	90
2 Lewis Denton for service as Judge of election	8 00
3 C. C. West services as bailiff Columbus election	2 00
4 E W S Cobb services as county welfare officer	166 67
5 S B Edwards services as surveyor as per bill	40 00
6 John O Bishop services as per bill burial of Jim Watson	5 00
7 Taylor Whiteside 3 days judge of election 1920	6 00
8 Dr Grady services as quarantine officer	15 00
9 Dr Grady services as county health officer	25 00
10 W C Tate half fee spring term 1920	42
11 R L Culbreath half fee spring term 1920	1 05
12 S J Melton registrar Jackson's mill Nov 1920	24 72
13 A A Edwards registrar Big Level Nov 1920	24 44
14 Roland Henderson goods for Webb Toney	11 50
15 J M Henderson for jail fee to date	83 20
16 N T Mills for survey of county land	2 50
17 W A Wilson for clothes for Jim Watson	2 95
18 C M Howes for services on board of assessors	220 00
19 J M Henderson for jail fees	52 10
20 W M Lambright for supplies for the jail	50
21 Jake Holbert for official fees Luther Melton case	2 45
22 Dr Grady for services as quarantine officer to date	15 00
23 P N Hood for judge of election Tryon	4 00
24 T A Rippey judge of primary election Tryon	4 00
25 C L Hill for registrar of births and deaths Saluda	15 25
26 G W Waycaster judge of election Pea Ridge three days	6 00
27 F M Burgess for services as Clk. to B C C for 1920	107 76
28 J R Sams for county agent for Dec 1920	30 00
29 M A Jackson for services as judge of election	6 00
30 W C Hague for recording official bonds	7 00
31 C D Elliott for capturing an illicit distill	20 00
32 Frank Jackson for official services	183 90
33 J P Arledge for official services etc	31 63
34 D V Tallant for survey of county land	2 50
35 Geo Edwards for support of Lige Henderson	15 00
36 Bettie Giles for support of Emily Hannon Nov	20 00
36 J M Henderson for support of Webb Toney for Nov	25 00
37 Jonathan Turner for own support for Nov	6 00
38 L T Tribble for half fee fall term 1920	2 30
39 T C Lawter judge of election Nov 1920	4 00
40 J R Sams salary as farm agent	30 00
41 A A Edwards for work on booth at Big Level	6 00
42 Fred Blanton for balance of appropriation county fair	96 00
43 C C Constant for payment on a certain note	1500 00

JANUARY 1921

44 Geo Edwards for support of Lige Henderson	15 00
45 Bettie Giles for one month support of Emily	

Hannon	20 00
46 Jonathan Turner for own support	8 00
47 J M Henderson for support of Webb Toney	25 00
48 Polk County News for stationary and financial report	85 95
49 C C Constant for payment in full on note	1372 70
FEBRUARY 1921	
50 Geo Edwards for support of Lige Henderson	15 00
51 Bettie Giles for support of Emily Hannon	20 00
52 Jonathan Turner own support to date	8 00
53 J M Henderson for support of Webb Toney to date	25 00
54 Dr Grady for service as quarantine officer	45 00
55 F K McFarland for burial expenses of Jim Watson	15 00
56 F K McFarland for burial expenses of Heison Porter's wife	40 50
57 J P Arledge for services as juvenile judge	183 33
58 Polk County News for stationary	5 00
59 Otis Feagan for capturing a still	20 00
60 J T Green for 1,380 ft of lumber	34 50
61 S B Edwards for services on board of election	2 00
62 J M Henderson for jail fees to date	72 90
63 Walker and Egerton for goods	14 79
64 Cal Houpe half fees fall term 1921	2 30
65 Tallant tax certificate on Hampton land sold for taxes	37 80
66 Sallie Franklin for own support to date	5 00
67 Frank Giles for repairing house for Emily Hannon	15 00
68 The Ballenger Co for supplies for jail	19 00
69 Geo A Gash for services as county supervisor of taxes	57 50
70 Morgan Hardware Co for jail supplies	17 80

Mill Spring.

Mrs. W. T. Mottinger and children, who were visiting relatives here left to visit friends in Charleston last Sunday.

Miss Gilreath Edwards went home last Sunday.

A number of people from here attended the all day singing at Lebanon last Sunday.

Mrs. Ralph Edwards spent last Saturday in Cowpens.

Jess Allen spent last week near Rutherfordton.

Advertised Letters.

Burgess, Hattie G
Botton Whitney, J
Brutton, Glenn
Bruton, Alice (2)
Walker, J C
W. H. STEARNS, Postmaster.

The 14 girls and boys in the Oxford Singing Class are representing about 875 children in that splendid Institution. Hear them sing and see how you like them. Another year of high prices in our state has served to make the needs of the orphanages greater, and the demands upon these institutions for admission of needy children is increasing. The Oxford Orphanage receives children without regard to denomination or fraternal relationship of parents, the need of the child being the first and chief consideration, and is striving to do its part in meeting the increasing demands. Your presence at the concert will aid in this work and will help to encourage the children, and friends who are working in their behalf.

FROM OUR FRIENDS IN THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest Gathered From Various Sections of Polk County by Our Corps of Faithful Correspondents.

Columbus.

Mrs. M. M. Hensley, of Asheville, visited a few days with Mrs. Charles Davenport.

M. B. Mills and Miss Pearl Keenan visited Mills last week. Misses Alice and Mattie Tallant, who are attending the summer school at Asheville, with their friend, Miss Palmer, spent the week-end at home.

Prof. Loy and wife, spent the Fourth here.

The revival services will begin at the Presbyterian church Sunday July 17.

There will be a box supper Saturday, July 16, at the school auditorium for the purpose of the Columbus base ball team.

Lynn.

Rev. Pratt preached Sunday p. m. His text was "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he" which was a plain and instructive sermon from start to finish.

The little son, of Jack Foster, who was so seriously hurt from the explosion of a gasoline tank a few days ago is doing fairly well at this writing. It is rumored that a case may be made against the county or the road department for damages.

Calvin Moore is very much indisposed at this penciling, being confined to his room almost all the time. He and wife came here three or four years ago from Florida to get advantage of the climate, also Mrs. Moore found employment in the hosiery mill. Just now the mill being closed down and Mrs. Moore's husband being sick makes it hard for her.

Charles Williams and family visited Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. J. B. Panther, last week-end.

Miss Uniack, of Saluda, who was with the A. M. A. school here a few years ago was calling on old friends in Lynn last week. She expressed herself as being very much elated over the recent changes and improvements on the school building grounds, also church.

A Mr. Stepp of Hendersonville was the guest of P. N. Hood and wife, last Sunday. He reports Hendersonville is short her usual number of summer visitors for this date. We suggest business depression is the prime cause.

Hello! Fishtop if we mistake not this is fine weather for the "Fiddle tails" or rattler. We were glad to see that little progress made, and a feeble effort toward getting a good road. Of course that's the slogan now. If you had all your available horse power on G. R. utilized as some day it will be, all the rattlers and other dangerous reptiles would soon vanish like they did when old St. Patrick ruled old Erin. Don't you see.

Good roads, good churches, good schools, good society, good people, all other good things will follow. Don't worry good roads is the slogan.

While we write we hear the blasting on the road between Tryon and Landrum and when that piece of road is finished it will be a big improvement on route of highway, also a squad of engineers with rod, tape and transit are making surveys on road from Tryon to Mill Spring with view of hard surfacing.

Miss Coline, the daughter, of

T. A. Rippey, who has been a student at Trinity College for three years past, arrived last week for a vacation.

Polk county has a new post-office Chocolate, we suggest the next one be made Bon-Bon, and if another should follow would say cocoanut, then if another still would say ice cream.

Silas Fowler left last Saturday for Canton, N. C., to take charge of a hosiery mill just starting up at that place. We believe this enterprise was quite fortunate in securing his services. Silas Fowler is one of our very best hosiery mill men.

Sid W. Cairnes and family have gone for a 2 or 3 week's stay in the land of the sky Sidney's old home.

If you want to take the world easy just come to Lynn the town of rest.

Fishtop.

Two more weeks of rain has about finished up the work in the cornfield. Corn looks fine with crabgrass as a close rival.

D. S. Pace was taking quite an interest in good roads has been canvassing the territory in which the road from Saluda through the cove and into Cooper Gap township will pass if made, in company with T. W. Bradley last week, and reports all visited quite enthused over the prospect of a good road, also reports that notwithstanding the many favorable reports about Coopers Gap township he had heard, he had found true, and their great need was a good outlet to market and that it is one of the finest sections of Western North Carolina.

Miss Flora Bradley is very ill and had to have the services of a doctor last week.

T. W. Bradley sang for the Mountain Grove church Sunday.

Robert Price went to preaching at Silver Creek Sunday.

Quite a crowd of the Coveites went to Saluda Saturday to trade.

Dr. Jones and one Mr. Levi, of Bucks Creek, Henderson county, were visiting in this section last of last week. They report that they have fine crops of corn in their section (land not having been too wet to work but a few days this season) but they are entirely out of fruit of all kind and that it seems so strange to see such an abundance of all fruits, especially apples here.

A few rattle snakes were killed week before last, but none reported last week.

Some parties from Henderson were in this section last week fishing.

Ben Holbert was in this section Sunday.

Mill Spring Route 1.

At Lebanon last Sunday there was all day service, Rev. W. W. Womack preached in the morning and there was dinner spread for everyone, and good singing in the afternoon. The day was enjoyed by a large crowd.

A. Walker and several others of near Rutherfordton attended services at Lebanon Sunday.

W. M. White and wife, of Rutherfordton, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. A. A. Womack.

Miss Lucy Abrams and brother, Marshal, were at Lebanon Sunday.

Miss Maggie Sue Edwards is suffering from a sore arm.